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Dear Mr Burrows

Consultation on Proposed Felling, Ribston Estate - Felling Licence - 012/1941/2022

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development affecting a site listed by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Gardens. In this case Ribston Hall, which is registered grade II. The Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) is a member organisation of the GT and works in partnership with it in respect of the protection and conservation of registered sites and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

The Ribston estate was owned by the Knights Templar in the 13th Century and the present park has 17th Century origins with pleasure grounds probably of the late 18th Century with 19th Century additions. It remained in the Goodricke family from 1545 to 1833 and was sold to the Dent family in 1836. Ribston is famous for the variety of apple called the Ribston Pippin raised there in the early 18th century and thought to have grown from a seed brought from France.

Thank you for your very helpful answers to my queries.

The proposed felling is for a linear belt of Cricket Bat Willow, *Salix alba Caerulea*, planted in 2003 along the northern bank of the River Nidd just to the west of a section of the western registered boundary of the park and garden at Ribston Hall, (SE 383 542). This is a thinning operation and therefore no replanting is required at this point. The applicant has indicated that the resulting stumps would remain untreated, and that coppice type regrowth is anticipated. We understand that the Environment Agency has been consulted. As the stumps are not being excavated there should be little associated damage to the riverbank and no effect on the condition or stability of the riverbank is anticipated. There should not be any harmful impact on the registered park and garden.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to the proposal.

Yours sincerely

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